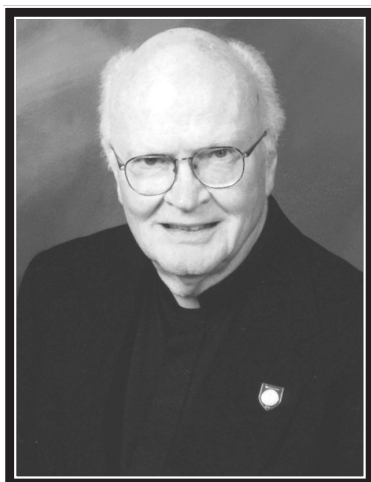


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Rev. William J. Byron, S.J. '45 has had a long and successful career in higher education. He has served as President of Catholic University (1982-92) and the University of Scranton (1975-82). In addition, he was Dean of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University of New Orleans, a Distinguished Professor of the Practice of Ethics at Georgetown University and a research professor at the Sellinger School of Business at Loyola College in Maryland.

In addition to his academic work, Fr. Byron is also a prolific writer. He pens a bi-weekly column ("Looking Around") for the Catholic News Service and has written several books including *Toward Stewardship*,

Quadrangle Considerations, *Take Your Diploma and Run!*, *Finding Work Without Losing Heart*, *The 365 Days of Christmas*, *Answers From Within: Spiritual Guidelines for Managing Setbacks in Work and Life* and *Jesuit Saturdays: Sharing the Ignatian Spirit with Lay Colleagues and Friends*. He also edited *The Causes of World Hunger* and *Take Courage: Psalms of Support and Encouragement*.

Fr. Byron is a past trustee of Georgetown University and the University of San Francisco and currently sits on the board of Georgetown University Hospital, CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Washington Jesuit Academy and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. He was a founding director and past chairman of Bread for the World, a public member of the Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and an original member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Commission on National and Community Service (now the Corporation for National Service).

He holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Maryland, two theology degrees from Woodstock College and a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's in economics from Saint Louis University.

Fr. Byron was the 1999 recipient of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities' Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his contributions over the years to the advancement of Catholic higher education. In that same year, he received the Council of Independent Colleges' Academic Leadership Award. He is also the recipient of 25 honorary degrees.

A native of Pittsburgh, Fr. Byron grew up in Philadelphia where he attended St. Joseph's Prep, lettering in football and crew. After service in the Army's 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in 1945-46, he attended Saint Joseph's University for three years before entering the Jesuit order in 1950. He was ordained a priest in 1961.